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1. YOU MAY ADVISE GOJ MINEXTAFF THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO CAST ONE OF OUR VOTES FOR DR. RATTRAY IN IAJC ELECTIONS AT UPCOMING OASGA. AT SAME TIME, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT WE CAN COUNT ON JAMAICA' S SUPPORT FOR U. S. CANDIDATE AT NEXT YEAR' S IAJC ELECTION.

2. FYI WE UNDERSTAND VIA OAS REPS THAT DR. RATTRAY IS CONSENSUS CANDIDATE OF COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES TO REPLACE DR. GUTHBERT JOSEPH OF TRINIDAD, WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES THIS YEAR. SINCE PRESENT CANDIDATES FOR IAJC ELECTION EXACTLY EQUAL NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE FILLED THIS YEAR, AND SINCE CARIBBEAN BLOC IS VIRTUALLY ASSURED ONE SEAT, WE REGARD DR. RATTRAY' S ELECTION AS PRACTICALLY A SURE THING. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT BY RESPONDING PROMPTLY WITH PROMISE OF OUR VOTE, WE MIGHT ENGAGE JAMAICANS IN SOME MEASURE OF RECIPROCAL COMMITMENT. END FYI
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